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SUBJECT: ECONADS: DRAFT REPORT ON BULGARIAN ECONOMY

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1. WASHINGTON EXPERTS ARE COMPLIMENTARY ON DRAFT REPORT.
COMMENTS WHICH FOLLOW ARE RELATIVELY MINOR. THEY ARE KEYED
TO NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS IN DRAFT:

--1. WE DO NOT KNOW OF SOVIET ADVISERS "IN THE BULGARIAN
GOVERNMENT ITSELF," ALTHOUGH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IS ON
OCCASION STYLED AS BEHAVING AS A "PRO-CONSUL". SUCH AN
OBVIOUS SIGN OF VASSALAGE IS, IN ANY EVENT, UNNECESSARY TO
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ENSURE THE CLOSE COORDINATION OF SOVIET AND BULGARIAN

POLICIES.

--2. WHILE THE BULGARIAN ECONOMY CONTINUES TO SUFFER FROM A SHORTAGE OF LABOR, WE NOTE THAT THERE ARE SOME 12,000 BULGARIAN WORKERS IN THE SOVIET UNION. THESE WORKERS ARE PRIMARILY UNSKILLED YOUTH AND WORK IN THE LUMBER AND PULP INDUSTRY. THE LARGEST NUMBER OF THEM IS IN KOMI ASSR.

--30. THE ARGUMENT HERE IS NOT CLEAR. WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE CONNECTION BETWEEN PENSIONS AND INDUSTRIAL GROWTH.

--32. UNCLEAR. WHAT MEASURE ROSE BY 80 PERCENT?

--34. WE WOULD COMMENT THAT LIVING STANDARDS CANNOT BE RAISED MERELY BY INCREASING WAGES, AS WOULD BE THE IMPRESSION GAINED FROM THIS PARAGRAPH.

--48. SOME PORTION OF THE INCREASED TRADE WITH THE WEST IS ACCOUNTED FOR BY INCREASED PRICES RATHER THAN INCREASED VOLUME.

--TABLE I. IN SECTION ON EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR (F), DOES THE FIGURE FOR AGRICULTURE REFER TO THE SOCIALIZED SECTOR ONLY? IF SO, THIS SHOULD BE FOOTNOTED, SINCE AGRICULTURE REMAINS THE LARGEST SECTOR IN BULGARIA.

2. WASHINGTON AGENCIES WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ESTIMATES OF FOREIGN DEBT: TO WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES, TO THE WEST, ANY DATA ON LENDING TO LDC'S, AND DATA ON TOTAL SOVIET AID SINCE WORLD WAR II. INGERSOLL

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